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AND PROGRAM TRANSMISSION APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED APRIL 23, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is made in reply to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004, setting a three-month shortened statutory period of response expiring July 23, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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